IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	)	
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Taekyun Kim et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2624
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Application No.: 10/618,857	)	Examiner: K. S. Yuan
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Filed: July 15, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 6991
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RETRIEVING FACE IMAGES USING COMBINED COMPONENT DESCRIPTORS	)))))	

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 7, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action includes a rejection of claims 1-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as well as it being indefinite. The Examiner notes that independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 29 recite the limitation of "training images" twice throughout the claims and questions whether the first set of training images corresponds to the second set of training images. As written, they could correspond or they could be different. There is no ambiguity in the claim language. Instead, the phrase "using a first LDA transformation algorithm determined based on training images" does not render the recitation of "a second LDA transformation algorithm